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THE NEW GOP MAYOR IS RUNNING TRUE TO FORM

And This Will In the Coming Few Months Give Him No End of Party Trouble

Mike Says That a Plain Business Man Cannot Hope to Be As Wily As a Politician

"Well, Mike," says Pat in one of his interrogative moods between hands of forty five, "have you noticed how true to form as a republican the new mayor is running?"

"I've noticed several noose-paper accounts of his actions," says Mike, "that shows he is in for a peek of trouble, but what was in particular blunder does he refer to?"

"Phy his gratuitous insult to the unions, intimating that a union man can not be fair to the public and live up to his union rules at the same time; that's enough to prove that he has moose to learn and too short a time to learn at in."

Must Not Expect Too Much

"Well, now Pat, you must not expect a mere business man to be as wily as a politician and know all the tricks of the trade and please everybody right off the reel, since all his young life has been occupied in establishing a reputation for probity, whatever that is, and accumulating a competency so that he can devote his entire time to the affairs of the deer peep and not be hampered by the common business of making a living."

Was Not On His Ticket

"Yes, grantin all that to be true, he should, to be a success in any walk of life, have a certain amount of diplomacy or have astute advisers, like he had in the campaign, to coach him so that he will get a good start and not antagonize any class of people, but he is representative of all the people."

"Yes, certainly have the copy-book idea of a public officer but you are not laboring under the impression that he is going to give the common people a vote of thanks for his election or to go out of his way to see that the rank and file are not overlooked in the distribution of pol or the passin of legislation. Of folks to know, did you contribute to his campaign fund?"

"No, he was not on me ticket and was called the candidate of the Big Business interests but I expect him to look after my interests as well as his own."

"Well, if he will explain to me how, as a hard headed successful business man, he and his advisers pointed with pride to the republican administration, as economical and efficient, that had spent more money than any previous administration and admit that they did not know it, then, O'ill reserve me judgment and pull for him with all me power, but otherwise O'ill go in to be very suspicious of every move involving any expenditure of money and it is well for the city that we did not know of the big deficit when we were votin for the bonds."

JEFF PHILLIP.

BE THE BEST

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley—but be
The best little scrub at the side of the hill,
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush, be a bit of grass,
Some highway to happier make,
If you can't be a muskie, then be a bass—
But the liveliest bass in the lake!

We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,
There's something for all of us here;
There's big work to do and there's lesser to do,
And the task we must do is near.

If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun, be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or fail—
Be the best of whatever you are.

POLK PRYOR IS MAKING HAY

Polk Pryor—a better Democrat was never grown—is one of the most energetic of the candidates on the Democratic side who is out for nomination for justice of the peace for Washington township, and his legion of friends are earnestly pushing his claims. Polk is one of the substantial and capable citizens of this county and will make a model official.

HYDE A DESPOT

Breckinridge Long Opens His Campaign at Poplar Bluff in Vigorous Style.

POPULAR BLUFF, Mo., April 27.—With an attack on the Republican party, both in the state and nation, with an assault on Governor Hyde, the state legislature and its work, Breckinridge Long, third assistant secretary of state during the Wilson administration, in a speech tonight opened his campaign for the Democratic nomination for United States senator in opposition to Senator James A. Reed, whose campaign will be formally begun at Moberly, Mo., May 6.

"The Democratic party faces an opportunity for service," said Mr. Long, "both in the state and nation; an opportunity that is almost unprecedented. It is the good fortune of our party to be the instrument through which relief will be brought."

Hyde a Despot

Turning his attention to the state administration, the first Republican in many decades, Mr. Long asserted, "We have for governor a political despot who has tried to subordinate all institutions of the state and has tried to concentrate in his own official person, all political power."

In reviewing the acts of the state legislature, Mr. Long charged that body, which held two special sessions, was the most extravagant in the annals of the state.

To Give Unwise Power

Summing up his views of the Republican state administration, Mr. Long charged the Hyde administration with "having attempted a reorganization of the political institution to concentrate in the hands of the governor an unwarranted and unwise power, contrary to the state institutions, which having attempted to change the judicial, congressional and senatorial districts so that Republican office-holders would be riveted upon us, with expense and extravagance without precedent, with having raised the taxes to an unnecessary and unwarranted extent."

In his attack on the national government, Mr. Long asserted the "national government is being administered by persons, who are following the most contradictory policies."

"They said," he continued, "they would keep us out of European affairs, and immediately mixed us up in Asiatic affairs. They said they would keep us out of all questions on the other side of the Atlantic and immediately involved us on the other side of the Pacific ocean."

OPPOSE THE CHANGE

Missouri Farmers' Association Will Look With Suspicion on Proposed Tax Adjustments.

Attorney Charles W. Meyer of this city, attorney for the Missouri Farmers' Association, attended a meeting of the directors, who represent 20,000 men, held at the Hotel Baltimore, Thursday and Friday, at which time the association considered the proposed new constitution and are opposing it. Meyer is authorized to call to his assistance several other lawyers to review the taxation laws and to watch what the constitutional convention may do in that regard.

"If there is any effort to change the constitution as it now stands on taxation," the statement continued, "we will look on it with suspicion. We do not want the constitution rewritten, although we are not opposed to amending it wherever it is vitally necessary. We hope the amendments will be completed as soon as possible and that the constitution will then be let alone."

The Missouri farmers' organization, it was said last night, markets 18 million pounds of butter fat annually. From eight assembling plants last year two thousand carloads of eggs and poultry were shipped to the large markets. Four hundred grain elevators and produce exchanges have been financed by the association in the last five years, it was declared.

ROBBED HARRIS OF ALL HE HAD

Enthusiased over the idea that he would make a clothes hamper full of easy money if he entrusted his \$7,625 to a new found racing friend, "R. J. Baisdel," who was going to make all of this money by betting on fixed races, William Harris, an Englishman, and his wife, just over, went to Kansas City on their last 14 Thursday to get aid from the British consul.

Jack Schneider Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, observed Gen. Grant's centennial with a meeting on Thursday night, at which time an elaborate programme was rendered.

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN STANDARD OIL AND GOPS

IT DATES BACK TO THE EARLY OIL DAYS IN PENNSYLVANIA

AND HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT AMALGAMATION

In Consequence of Which a Great National Scandal Is Now About to Break Loose in Connection With the Turning Over of the Teapot Dome Oil Fields to a Syndicate Which Gives Over to Private Interests the Last Oil Field That Was Held for a Navy Fuel Reserve.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(Special Correspondence.)—The conservation of natural resources which was a hobby of Theodore Roosevelt and a policy of President Roosevelt's administration is in danger of being completely overthrown, to judge by the violent assaults that are being made upon it in connection with oil and coal lands.

What promises to be a great national scandal is the alleged turning-over of the huge Teapot Dome oil fields in Wyoming to private interests. This is one of the fields held in reserve for the navy to keep adequate reserves of fuel for its oil-burning ships. The naval oil reserves were recently taken over from the navy department by the interior department under an executive order by President Harding. The deal for the Teapot Dome district is with the Sinclair Oil interests, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil, and the latter company is said to be preparing to build pipelines to carry the oil to its refineries in the Middle West. The Sinclair oil stock has

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ELIAS S. GARVER CALLED

One of the Best Known Editors of Northwest Missouri Is Taken Home.

It was a decided blow to the hundreds of friends of Elias S. Garver in this city to hear on Sunday that he had passed away at his Grant City home after an illness of 12 weeks. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Nellie Drescher of Omaha, and a son, H. H. Garver of Chicago. The funeral occurred from the family home Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. L. Layman of the Presbyterian church, and was very largely attended, the friends of the deceased turning out in force to pay the last honors to their neighbor and friend. The deceased was born in Pennsylvania, March 21, 1850, and came to Missouri in 1869, but returned to Pennsylvania where he completed his education in 1874 and returned to Grant City where he purchased and ably conducted the Worth County Times until Jan. 1, 1914, when failing health compelled him to relinquish control of that splendid paper. He was married to Miss Mary Frakes at Grant City Dec. 19, 1875, she surviving him.

The deceased had been very prominent in civil life since he attained his majority. In 1880 he held his first public office, being elected to the legislature, re-elected in 1882 and again in 1884. He is the only man ever elected representative for three successive terms from Worth county. In 1895 he became postmaster of Grant City and served four years. In 1897 he was appointed statistical agent for Missouri by President Cleveland and served two years. In 1901 he was appointed by Gov. Dockery as a member of the Missouri Commission to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, New York, and also of the West Indian and Inter-State Exposition at Charleston, South Carolina, and was made president of that body. In 1903 he was appointed by Governor Dockery as a member of the Missouri Board of Mediation and Arbitration and was made its president. In 1904 he resigned the presidency of the board and accepted a temporary appointment by Governor Dockery on the Missouri Commission to the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon. In 1905 Governor Folk appointed him permanently on the latter board and he was made secretary. Mr. Garver has also served in many other minor positions and has been a delegate to all conventions of his party from township to national. He has always been an uncompromising Democrat. He was a man who made friends and held them.

A. J. Branson was arrested at Fifth and Jule Thursday, charged with driving his silver while drunk.

MILLER MILLING ALONG TO NORMALCY

F. Vernon Miller, a farmer near Gallatin, Mo., filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the federal court in St. Joseph Tuesday, listing liabilities at \$9,614 and assets at \$8,490.

IN A BAD BOX

A Former Minister of This City Is Charged With Sharp Practice.

The authorities here were this week asked by Lincoln, Neb., parties to give what information that they could relative to Rev. George M. Gates, a Methodist minister who formerly preached in this city, but has been at Lincoln for some time. In the district court there on Friday, Judge Morning signed a decree ordering Gates to account for \$3,100 he is alleged to have borrowed from Mrs. Lovina Halley, an aged member of his congregation, crippled, blind and helpless, while he was executor of the \$4,500 estate her husband left her in University Place when he died in 1914.

The Rev. Mr. Gates, it is shown, preached at University Place until a few months ago.

"The executor was the former pastor of the testator, the legal adviser, and he wrote the will which named him executor," the decree recites.

"The widow came into court at this hearing blind, crippled and in a wheel chair, so feeble she could not lift her hand to take the oath."

"He (the Rev. Mr. Gates) availed himself of her helpless condition and her confidence in him as her legal and spiritual adviser to induce her to permit him to loan \$1,600 of this money to his son and \$1,500 to himself, secured by mortgages on practically worthless land in northern Colorado, which was already covered with mortgages in excess of its full value."

"If this blind and helpless widow has to lose the proceeds of her homestead at the hands of her former pastor, legal adviser and trusted friend, at least this court will not lend its aid to the consummation of that end."

"The order points out that the pastor underwent bankruptcy during the administration of the estate, but that should not prevent his accounting for the money as executor of the estate," the court says.

DR. ESTHER E. LEONARD APPEALS TO THE VOTERS

ASKS THE WOMEN OF THE STATE TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION CAREFULLY

AND NOT BE SWEEPED AWAY ON SENATE MATTER

In a straightforward manner this woman who did her bit for her country overseas shows the Democratic Women how the Republican Globe-Democrat, the Enemy of Every Democrat, is using them in its attempt to defeat Senator Reed for renomination whom it hates with all its power.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 27th, 1922.

To the Editor of The Observer:

As an ardent Democrat and a party worker, I ask you to publish my appeal to the Democratic women voters of Missouri, which I enclose.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER E. LEONARD, M. D.

As a Woman Sees It

To the real Democratic women of Missouri:

You have no doubt read or heard of the meeting held at St. Joseph, Saturday, April 22nd, by a group of political state women who met under the pretense of holding a meeting of the Democratic State Women's Committee, but in reality to stage a vicious attack on Senator James A. Reed. It was a great meeting from a Republican viewpoint. The news was sent broadcast over the state and in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat there appeared in the issue of Sunday, April 23rd, an article printed conspicuously on page one with the following headlines:

"Senator Reed is denounced as a traitor. Defeat of Statesman Seeking Renomination Urged at Rally of Democratic Women at St. Joseph. Audience Applauds Mrs. Martin's Attack while Long Supporters Circularize Meeting for Votes."

The real purpose of the meeting is made self-evident by the statements in the Globe-Democrat headlines and the further fact that one of Senator

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PRIZE PACKAGES FOR THE UNSUSPECTING FARMER

THEY ARE BEING PLACED IN HIS KEEPING BY THE WILY GOPS

WHO REALIZE IT IS "FOOL HIM OR LOSE"

Even That Oracle of J. Pierp Morgan and His Wall Street Crowd of Leeches the Journal Is Brutally Frank in Telling How Silly Is the Proposed Sop to be Thrown to the Farmer by Giving Him a Member of the Federal Reserve Board to Sit There and be Outvoted Every Time Wall Street Decried It Expedient.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(Special News Correspondence.)—Secretary Mellon advised congress some months ago that the treasury was threatened with a deficit of some fifty millions unless appropriations were reduced. The president and the republican leaders in congress have been vociferating loudly about the wonderful economies practiced, but Mellon is now out with a statement showing that the deficit will be about four hundred millions instead of fifty. Another year of such republican "economy" will put Uncle Sam in the poorhouse.

If the bonus bill passes the senate and is signed by the president, another heavy load is placed on the treasury unless a way can be found to pay the bonus out of the interest and principal of the debts owed us by foreign governments. The chance that it can be paid in this manner is not promising, as England is the only one of our debtors capable of making large payments now or within the near future.

The president is now urging that a loan of five millions be made to Li-

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LONG OPENS CAMPAIGN

Started His Speaking Tour at Poplar Bluff on Thursday.

JEFFERSON CITY, April 27.—(Correspondence.)—Attorney General Jesse W. Barrett has pointed out that the St. Louis Board of Equalization is without power to change the total assessment of any class of property of that city. The supreme court held that a county or city board of equalization is without authority to reduce or increase the total assessment of any class of property.

Breckinridge Long, candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States senator, opened his speaking campaign Thursday, April 27, at Poplar Bluff. Arrangements for the meeting were made by Sam Phillips, chairman of the Butler County Democratic committee. Enthusiastic workers have been busy in each county of Southeast Missouri in behalf of Long's campaign. His supporters have been active in all other parts of the state.

W. A. Curtis has tendered his resignation to the State Board of Penal Institutions as record clerk of the prison. Curtis formerly lived in Iron county and the only complaint against him is that he is a Democrat. Contrary to the policy of the Hyde administration to fire state employees without notice, Curtis was given thirty days' notice.

Governor Hyde has given a clean bill of health to Dr. Cortez Enloe, who, besides being secretary of the State Board of Health, follows the private practice of medicine in this city. A former employee of the secretary complained that Dr. Enloe rode on a railroad pass and that his family profited through the sale of information from the State Health Department. The governor said that the matters were satisfactorily explained by Dr. Enloe, who was appointed through the influence of Todd N. Orniston, former private secretary to the governor.

WARRANTS FOR THE O'CONNORS

The troubles of Attorney John B. O'Connor, formerly in practice here, but now of Kansas City, are multiplying in reference to the purported will of the Hastings, Neb., reclusive named O'Connor and who died, leaving \$100,000 in currency. On Tuesday at Hastings, a dispatch from there says a warrant was issued for Attorney O'Connor and eleven of his brothers, sisters and relatives were also included in the document, charging that the purported will was a forgery. The will in question was the one which it was claimed was found in one of the law books of Grant S. Watkins, now dead, who had an office in the American National Bank building at that period.

A TERRIBLE FALL

Byland and Jule Are Dead From a Fall at the Barrett Building.

A snapped ladder—a break in its center—a wild scream—two dull impacts on the cement sidewalk and the working days of John Byland, 42 years of age, of 1002 1/2 Frederick Avenue and Roland Lingo, 21, of 2020 South Fourth street, were over forever.

A long ladder on which they were washing the outside of the handsome Barrett Trust building had snapped in the middle and dropped them from the fifth floor.

Byland, who was a married man, leaves a wife, four stepsons and two stepdaughters. He died as he was being carried to an ambulance.

Lingo, who is single, lived until noon, dying at a hospital. Both were in the employ of the Boston Window Cleaning Co. The accident occurred at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

PRESIDENT ROBINSON PUSHING THINGS

While the new board of public works has not the experience that it should have in the aggregate, yet in the abstract it has some far more developed talent than is generally known, for its president, Walter H. Robinson, is a five wife and endowed with far more actual experience than was supposed. He is now actively on the job and has already inaugurated several reforms which will save the taxpayers much money. His work in the board's personal expense account is much marked. He has had a great amount of experience in construction work, and understands road construction as the work done on the St. Joseph-Atchison highway under his direction will itself fully show.

THE GAZETTE WILL GET THE CONTRACT

Frank Siemens, ex-city controller, says that it cost over \$2,000 to print the park ordinance alone, in the official paper, The Gazette. This is but one item of many each year which make the city printing a big item for someone. On May 8 the contract will again be awarded to The Gazette which will bid a couple of cents lower than the News-Press. Almost anyone can see why these two papers always favor all improvements—where there is printing in it.

THREE LINKERS TO HAVE THE CITY

St. Joseph will be completely in the hands of the Three Linkers (Odd Fellows) Saturday when big delegations will come from Northwest Missouri, Southwest Iowa and Eastern Kansas and Nebraska to take part in the great fraternal and fraternal meeting. A grand parade will take place at 8 o'clock, which will go over the principal business streets. Capt. J. E. Wiles will be grand marshal of the parade, which will be followed by the regular session at the Auditorium.

EMMETT J. CROUSE ANNOUNCES

Emmett J. Crouse, who has for the past term so ably administered the affairs of the office of circuit clerk that no one has found fault, on Thursday announced himself as a candidate to succeed himself for a second term. It is always viable to give a good official a second term—and Mr. Crouse has made a first class officer and conducted the business of the office to the satisfaction of all, therefore he will have no opposition—and should he have, the one who runs against him will be beaten.

SCHMUTTE IS ORGANIZING A COMPANY

Tony Schmutte, the well known river man of Corning, was in the city this week in consultation with other interested parties who with Schmutte are organizing a stock company with a large capitalization to put Schmutte's method of river control before the public. Schmutte with his process can control the Missouri river at any place at a very slight item of expense.

THE MAYOR PEIVED AT RANDOLPH

Probably because he let the News-Free print his letter relative to the ineligibility of T. J. Whitehead as deputy controller to hold the office, the letter which Louis F. Randolph, assistant prosecuting attorney, was on Wednesday returned to Randolph by the mayor unopened. Randolph is still able to take three full meals and a light lunch each day.

When Kirkeville ordered five car loads of road oil the other day, the county just tripled the order and sent for fifteen car loads to use on the country roads.